

# The Archangel



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*Founded as a Mission 1925  
Original Church Built 1926 • Elevated to a Parish 1944  
Present Church Built 1954 • Parish Hall Built 1974  
Complex Remodeled 1985 • Parish Hall Remodeled 2018  
Kitchen Remodeled 2019 • Bathrooms Remodeled 2021*



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## *My Dear People:*

May is illuminated by the light of the Resurrection. Encompassing the forty days of Eastertide, the month ends with the ten-day season of Ascensiontide beginning on the Feast of the Ascension, May 29<sup>th</sup>. Even so, May is dedicated to Our Lady, and as such we celebrate the Mother of the Church with the May Festival on May 11<sup>th</sup>. Combining it with the still-fresh observance of the Resurrection should make it all the merrier!

The May Sundays in Eastertide—including Rogation Sunday when we ask God to bless our efforts in agriculture, animal husbandry, and industry so that there will be an abundant harvest—means that the feasts which transition into Summer, Whitsunday or Pentecost, Trinity Sunday, Corpus Christi, and Sacred Heart, are in June.

The May Festival is a highlight of the year for the Society of Mary. Usually, they organize a reception following the 10:00 a.m. Mass. If the weather is favourable and we have a couple of strong men in attendance, there will be a procession around the church with the statue of Our Lady of Fatima. The hymns and the liturgy make secular Mother's Day something very special, as we honour the Mother of God who is also our Mother. I hope you will join us in celebrating the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The Sixth Sunday of Easter, commonly called Rogation Sunday, is on May 25<sup>th</sup>. We pray that Almighty God will bless the efforts of seed-time, industrial work, and other aspects of our daily life and work. Living in a non-Agrarian society, we take for granted the considerable effort that goes into providing food, clothing, and all the comforts we have come to expect. *All things come of thee, O Lord: and of thine own have we given thee.* When we acknowledge that all we have comes from God, the Harvest Thanksgiving in Autumn makes perfect sense. The Rogation procession after the High Mass is semi-penitential in form. The Sacred Ministers exchange white vestments for violet, and the Litany of the Saints is chanted in procession. Weather permitting, we will bless the gardens.

May 29<sup>th</sup> is the fortieth day of Easter, the Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ. The Ascension commemorates the moment when Our Lord ascended into heaven, taking our human nature with

him. The lesson from the Acts of the Apostles—which is a restatement of this event in the Gospel of St. Luke—relates that the disciples were staring into the place where Jesus had receded from their sight. An angel reminds them to quit gazing up to heaven because Our Lord will return in the same way he ascended into heaven. Our Saviour told them to go and prepare themselves for the arrival of the Holy Spirit. So, the disciples returned to the Upper Room, which they had rented for the Passover and the other High Holy Days, to pray and prepare for something they did not yet fully understand.

In recent times the Church has tended to gloss over the Ascension, going directly from Easter to Pentecost. This is to miss the truth of the Ascension itself. The resurrected and glorified humanity of Jesus is not discarded when he ascends to his Father's side. Thus, humanity is restored to true and eternal life at the Resurrection. In the Ascension humanity takes its rightful place in the heavenly Jerusalem. High Mass of the Feast will be celebrated at 6:30 p.m. The preacher that night is Father Chrys Frank, Vicar of St. Mary Magdalene Equal to the Apostles Mission. Dinner will follow Mass. Tickets are \$10 each. A sign up sheet has been provided at the back of the church for scalloped potatoes and salad. The entrée and dessert are provided.

The Feast of Pentecost, also called Whitsunday, is on June 8<sup>th</sup>. After the 10:00 a.m. Mass, St. Michael's Pentecost Champagne Brunch, Silent Auction, and Giveaway gets underway. Tickets for the brunch went on sale on April 27<sup>th</sup>. Please buy your brunch (\$15 per person) and giveaway tickets (\$2 individually or a Packet of 50 for \$50 until June 1 for a 50% discount) as soon as possible. In keeping with the other events of the Centennial Year, a delicious meal will be served, followed by good fellowship and fun. Many thanks to those who are organizing the brunch as well as the Silent Auction and the Giveaway prizes.

Although Trinity Sunday isn't until June 15<sup>th</sup>, please don't forget to send in your names for graduates to be congratulated by inclusion in the Graduation Bouquet. Send your graduate's name into the office by Monday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, and it will be printed in the bulletin on Trinity Sunday.

Corpus Christi will round out the cycle of feasts which began with Easter. On June 19<sup>th</sup>, High Mass of Corpus Christi with a procession around the church of the Blessed Sacrament, weather permitting, takes place at 6:30 p.m. The Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament sponsors a relaxed Hot Dog Supper which is always a parish favourite. It's a great way to "close out" for a short time, the liturgical observances for which St. Michael's is known, until August.

So, due to the lateness of Easter, May and June are very busy months. Anglo-Catholic churches like St. Micheal's, take the observance of the liturgical calendar quite seriously. It's our duty as Christians to make sure these times are marked by the finest worship we can offer. The clergy, organist, choirmaster, choir, acolytes, and al-

tar guild bring their best efforts to these celebrations. Will you be present for all or some of them? It would be so encouraging to staff, parishioners and those visiting St. Michael's to see the pews occupied for these festivities.

Affectionately, your Friend and Pastor,

***Father R. Trent Fraser***



### ***Requiem for a faithful friend***

We said goodbye to a faithful friend, our Hobart Dishwasher that expired after fifty years of service to the parish. The machine is on its way to the Recycling Center in the Sky.

Many thanks to everyone who contributed money to the capital campaign to buy its replacement. The new machine is happily washing and sanitizing in the kitchen.

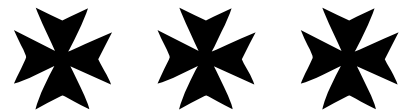


Clockwise from Left:  
Adoration of the Holy  
Cross during the  
Good Friday Liturgy;  
Easter Vigil  
Procession to the  
Font; Preparing the  
Paschal Candle





# *Holy Week and Easter at Saint Michael's*



**Below:** “Now the Queen of Seasons, bright with the day of splendor,  
with the royal Feast of Feasts, comes its joy to render:”

Easter Day High Mass



**PENTECOST  
CHAMPAGNE  
BRUNCH,  
SILENT AUCTION,  
&  
GIVEAWAY**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 8<sup>TH</sup>  
12:00pm**

✦  
✦ ✦ ✦ **GREAT FOOD** ✦ ✦ ✦  
✦ ✦ ✦ **LOTS OF FUN** ✦ ✦ ✦  
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*Buy your brunch tickets now!*

**BRING YOUR FRIENDS !**

**COST: \$15.00 PER PERSON**

## ***Books 'n' Brunch***

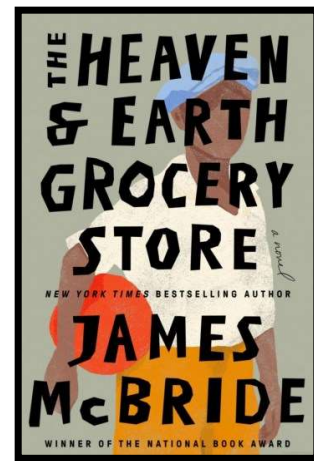
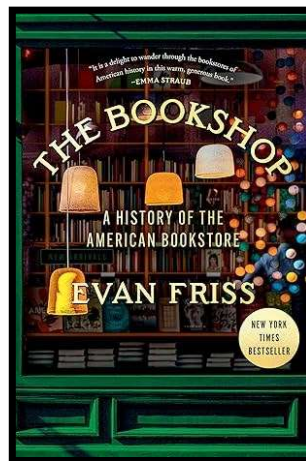
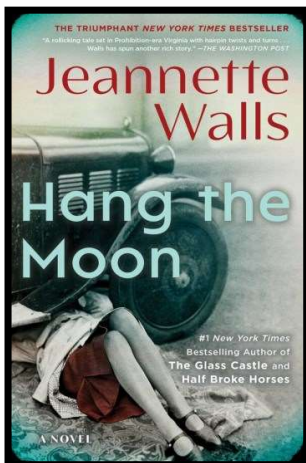
*By Kathleen McGraw*

Books 'n' Brunch will meet as usual at 12:00PM, Sunday, May 4, in the Parish Hall and on Zoom.

Since so many were away at our last meeting, we will briefly revisit *Hang the Moon* by Jeanette Walls before moving on to the discussion of May's selection, *The Bookshop* by Evan Friss. The book selected for the June meeting is *Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride.

We will also be finalizing our list of books for the coming months. Whether you like a good mystery, non-fiction, a novel, or a bit of history there usually is something for everyone among our selections. Anyone is welcome to come join us, to suggest books, and to join our, often far ranging, discussions.

Need more information? Please call the office.



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## ***A New Secretary***

*By Father Fraser*

Earlier in the year, Tom Beckwith announced his intention to retire as St. Michael's secretary, a position he has held since 2017. This set in motion the search for his successor, which took place from the end of March through early April. I am delighted to announce that Ms. Katherine Undiks has accepted the position of Parish Secretary/Administrator of St. Michael and All Angels' Church. Kathi began on April 28<sup>th</sup>. She will be in the office four days a week from 8:00 a.m. till 12 Noon. She is eagerly looking forward to meeting parishioners. Come in and say hello!

## ***Save the Date***

**Saint Clare's Needlepoint Guild** meets Saturday, May 5 and 17, as well as all Wednesdays at 9:30am.

**Breakfast Bible Study** continues on all Wednesdays (except May 7) at 7:30am after Mass at 7.

**The Society of Mary** meets Saturday, May 10, for Rosary at 9:30am after Mass, followed by their meeting at 10 o'clock.

**Celebrate the May Festival** with Mass and Procession of Our Lady of Fatima on Sunday, May 11, after the 10 o'clock Mass.

**The Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament** meets Thursday, May 15th at 6:30pm after Evening Prayer at 6.

**The Ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ** will be celebrated with High Mass on Thursday, May 29, with Mass at 6:30pm.

**The Pentecost Brunch, Silent Auction, and Give-Away** will be Sunday, June 8, after the High Mass of Pentecost. Donations are needed for the give-away. Contact Jean Gross if you have treasures to donate! Auction bidding will begin May 25.

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## ***Flowers and Candles***

Please check the schedule below for flowers and vigil lamps. If you would like to make any changes, please let the office know. Flower memorials are \$60, except for the St. Michael Shrine, which is \$40; all memorial lamps are \$5.

| <b>May</b> | <b>Flowers</b>   | <b>Lamps</b>                                |
|------------|--|---|
| <b>4</b>   | Wilson, Gordon, McGraw, Gross. Available: Sanctuary, Michael, Mary | Shackleford, Cope, Hubbard, Heerdt, Loiseau |
| <b>11</b>  | Gernert, Loiseau. Available: Sanctuary, Michael, Easter Garden     | Gordon, Jones, McKinster, Cope, Jones.      |
| <b>18</b>  | Avery, Loiseau, McGraw, Gross. Available: Sanctuary, Michael, Mary | Loiseau. Available: Michael                 |
| <b>25</b>  | Gernert, Ruby, Hochstetter. Available: Michael,                    | Hubbard, Busler.                            |



## **THE FEAST OF THE ASCENSION**

Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM

**FATHER CHRYSOSTOM FRANK**

of

Saint Mary Magdalene

Equal To the Apostles Episcopal Church

will be our guest preacher.

### **Following Mass**

Delicious ham and turkey will be served accompanied by side dishes supplied by those who sign up to attend.

\$10 for the entrées and dessert  
will complete your reservation,  
which is a must!

More information is available  
in the Back of the Church

*Please join in welcoming Father Chrys!*

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